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President's Page

Bryan Burke, CSNA LM 2-1

Conventions are not like Topsy, they do not just happen. Many collectors must dedicate hours of work to make the fun of a convention possible for the rest of us. In Fresno, it was evident that the committees had done more than enough of the required hours. RUTH PHILLIPS and her fellow Fresno Numismatic Society members deserve a great thank-you for the wonderful weekend they gave their dealer and collector guests. The displays, forums, banquet, and other activities were enjoyable and educational. The bourse was active and had some good buys to offer.

The big change made at Fresno as far as the CSNA is concerned is that the SYMPOSIUM will no longer be offered as a separate event. In the future, the forum feature of the regular convention will become the Symposium. While a disappointment to many, it is hoped that the final outcome will be that we can enjoy two Symposiums a year instead of one. Money has been made available to select special speakers for the Symposiums. It is hoped that under this new arrangement more collectors will have an opportunity to enjoy these valuable educational events.

Some other action taken at Fresno includes the appointment of DON THRALL as chairman of the nominating committee, along with CLIFFORD LISS and JERRY KROEGER. Any suggestions members have for these three would be graciously received. Just give Don any names of members you think should be considered for nomination or thoughts you might have about the whole election process. The new director of education is WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD who gave us the great Symposium in March. BARBARA HYDE will be searching for new ways to involve the younger collectors in convention activities as the new board of governors' member in charge of junior members. The assignment of chairman of the April 22-24, 1977, Jack Tar convention in San Francisco has been given to FRANK STRAZZARINO.

Continuing the goal of trying to do the best for its members the CSNA board took three actions. Each member club will receive two past presidential medallions for use as door prizes or awards. Geographic location will be considered so that clubs will receive medallions of the past president most active in their area. The board also voted to continue to subsidize convention events so that more members could participate. The board also voted to retain the nominal "fifty cents" registration fee. While almost every hobby event charges more, it was expressed that if the higher charge kept the casual, curious visitor out, we might lose a prospective collector.

You certainly should know that some accolades were passed out in Fresno. RUTH PHILLIPS for her work with the association's budget. DOROTHY BEAULIEU for making the CSNA library a truly usable one. VIRGINIA HALL for her super issues of *Calcoin News*. JERRY KROEGER and ELIZABETH WISSLEAD for really keeping the collectors of California informed. JIM BETTON for almost running out of room in the bourse.

You can be in on the first of a series of successful conventions by attending the Disneyland convention November 19-21 of this year. If you have any suggestions, contact RANDY BRIGGS, the general chairman. He's incorporating many new ideas already. Maybe this is the time to make yours known. Be there and enjoy this first of many rewarding conventions. Bring the family. There is plenty to do and no baby sitter needed when they are at Disneyland.



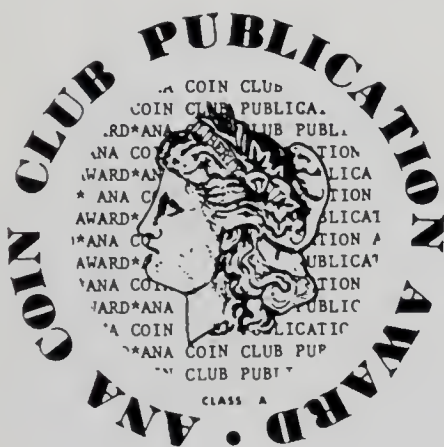
Editorially

200 CANDLES FOR AMERICA! San Francisco will bake a 17-ton cake, Bostonians will throw tea into their harbor . . . again. What's more, there will be Liberty Bell cookie jars, Uncle Sam soap, and Ben Franklin kites. In fact, a national extravaganza is well underway, some of it ridiculous, some of it sublime; but all to help Uncle Sam light the candles on his birthday cake. It is, after all, our Bicentennial.

Numismatics gives us the opportunity to explore the halls of history for the traditions that make us what we are. It is here we keep in touch with our nation's glorious past and reflect on the accomplishments of the colonial leaders. A theme to remember, and this can apply to all things at all times, is "Spirit of Achievement" — the urge to try, to accomplish, to excel — this our founding fathers did without hesitation.

A quote from Abraham Lincoln is appropriate here: "Our reliance is in love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands everywhere. (September 11, 1858)

We hope the light from our numismatic candles on Uncle Sam's birthday cake will illuminate the good things about our nation for all the world to see. The history of the United States includes me as I write this, and you as you read it. By the continued promotion of the study of coins, currency, medals and tokens we can keep our heritage alive for future generations.



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Aviation Tokens and Medals

Evolution of Aviation

By Joy Parrish CSNA-17-1



The collection of tokens and medals issued in honor of the world of aviation makes a most interesting, and historical display.

This, the Bicentennial year of 1976, brings many thoughts of historical records with a proud past, a progressive present and a promising future. In the impressive records of numismatics, one of the shining faces is the exciting history of the evolution of the world of aviation that has been recorded in the exnumia field with a series of commemorative tokens, medals and some wooden money issues.

For eons of time man has dreamed of flying, but not until this century has that dream developed into an actual reality, and from that first famous flight in 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina to the present time the aviation industry has progressed with unprecedented speed, and in so doing has not only aided so greatly in our transportation field, but has almost completely changed our concept of the world. Surely the giant jets and the fast flying military crafts are the most exciting of all modern inventions. To young and old alike those big beautiful silver silhouettes of airplanes creates many dreams of far away places with strange sounding names, but just as interesting and exciting are the stories be-

hind the designing, engineering and the complete operations of the aircraft manufacturing organizations. To capture some of the flight history many of the commercial companies, the airlines, U.S. Airforce Bases, and numismatic and civic organizations have issued commemorative tokens and medals in honor of the special events in the evolution of the world of aviation. Silver wings on silver medals all aid in the recording of some of America's foremost moments of history that truly deserves a salute this Bicentennial year.

On February 8, 1968 at the Proud Bird Restaurant near the Los Angeles International Airport there was a meeting labeled "A Gathering of the Giants" where many of the aviation pioneers had gathered to dust off old memories of one of the nation's most romantic, historical and daring eras, and to recount past experiences, both conquests and defeats, and to dream of the promising wonderful future of sky and space. Cleve Roberts, one of America's most respected correspondents and newscasters, who is also a dedicated aviation history buff was chosen to serve as Master of Ceremonies of

this great occasion. He introduced many aviation personalities, and they each gave a brief resumé of some of their early experiences in their special fields. One of the much respected pioneers who was honored, even though he had passed away, was the famous James Howard "Dutch" Kindelberger, the founder of North American Aviation, now known as Rockwell International. He was represented by his widow, Mrs. Thelma Kindelberger. On August 27, 1964 a large three inch bronze medal was issued by North American Aviation's Science Center in Southern California. The medal honors the formal dedication of the James Howard Kindelberger Memorial Laboratory. The medal was struck by the Medallie Art Company in New York, and features a full face portrait of the late aviation pioneer. Along the lower edge of the medal under the familiar Kindelberger bow-tie are the dates of his life span, 1895-1962. The reverse carries the information on the laboratories that are named after the aircraft giant. Several other interesting issues have also come from that Los Angeles based company, including some CIO Union pin-back buttons dating as far back as the early 1940s. In 1953 the busy and progressive aircraft building company held an Open House to celebrate their 25th anniversary and issued aluminum tokens to honor the day long event. The tokens, which are classified as "So-Called Dollars" are quite rare, having been listed as such in the Kappen-Hibler book of So-Called Dollars. The ones that are incused with the numeral 2 are considered very rare, and the 2 denotes they were struck in the company's Department Two, and were done on the second shift, thus the big 2 has a double meaning. There were less than a hundred copies of these type 2 pattern pieces struck. An un-recorded number of the regular issue was distributed to those who attended the open house, however Hans Ludwig, the Department Two

superintendent, estimated that there were close to 2500 struck. The obverse shows a triangle shaped emblem long associated with the company, and was a familiar design on many of the N.A.A. products. The reverse shows the world famous F-86 Sabre Jet. None of these So-Called dollars have been available for many years, and the bronze commemorative science center medals were never available to the public. The Tulsa, Oklahoma Division of North American Aviation had recently gained their status of a unified division of the large aircraft company in 1967 when they celebrated the 5th anniversary as a part of the famous corporation. The Tulsa plant Public Relations Department issued small half-dollar size commemorative tokens struck in a light weight metal. The obverse side of the token carries the familiar triangle emblem that N.A.A. used for so many years, and along the outer edge of the tokens are the words North American Aviation, Inc., Tulsa, Okla. The reverse is very plain with only the words "5th Anniversary of Progress — 1967".

As aviation progress was made at the Los Angeles based company the XB-70 aircraft began to make history, and an unusual memento was used to record the first Mach Three flight. An abbreviated cut-out of the XB-70 in flight was carried on board for the historical flight showing a sample of the high strength stainless steel honeycomb used in the structure. This memento, along with several colorful ribbons noting the date of the roll-out of the great aircraft and the medals made a most interesting exonomia display.

Another of the giants of aviation at the gathering was Donald Douglas, founder of Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, California. In honor of his 50th year of dedicated interest in aviation about 800 friends and co-workers gathered at the Beverly Hilton Hotel to honor this great man. Mr. Douglas received an AIAA citation in appreciation of his many contributions to the aerospace sciences and technology. Proceeds from the testimonial dinner were used to establish a "Donald W. Douglas Fellowship" for graduate students in aircraft and related fields of study. One of the most rare medals in the world of flight is the large bronze medal issued in 1960 honoring the 40th anniversary of the Douglas Aircraft. The obverse of the two and one-half inch medal, which is embedded in a three and a half inch block of clear-float lucite shows a likeness of Mr. Douglas and carried the inscription of 40th Anniversary 1920-1960. The reverse carries the slogan "Wings for the World" and shows a small aircraft that represents the Douglas Cloudster that was





The XB-70 2,000 MPH research aircraft and the X-15A-2 Hypersonic flight research vehicle built by the Los Angeles Division of North American Rockwell Corporation.

built in 1920, and a large model of the DC-8 being manufactured in 1960. There were only forty of these medals struck by the Medallic Art Company, and have never been made available for collectors. I received mine when I was the guest speaker at the Douglas Aircraft Employees Coin Club, and based my presentation on my tokens and medals collection. On September 14, 1974 a light weight white metal token, the size of a half dollar, was issued in honor of an open house at the aviation company. The token honors the 50th anniversary of the first around the world flight, and carries the dates 1924-1974, and shows an antique airplane on the obverse side, and two airplanes in flight on the reverse with the date of the open house celebration.

Claude Ryan, the aviation pioneer always associated with the Lindbergh aircraft founded the Ryan Aeronautical Company in San Diego, California, a city closely related to the world of silver wings since this was the place where in 1927 the first trans-ocean flight was made, and thus the groundwork for future world flights was laid. Since the San Diego area holds so many flight memories including the Spirit of St. Louis story, a special medal was issued through the cooperation of the Ryan Company with distribution being world wide. The funds from the sale of the medals has gone into major plans for an aerospace museum where the history of the world's greatest mode of transportation can be preserved for study and information for future generations. The medals were struck in silver and are numbered. The obverse carries the likeness of the Spirit of St. Louis in flight, and denotes the forty years of history at the Ryan Company, 1927-1967. The reverse shows three different types of aircraft that has been built at the Ryan plant, and carries the inscription "40 years of aerospace firsts." The medals are one and one-half inches in diameter, and are most interesting. Also from the City of San Diego are the medals issued by the Management Club of Convair Aircraft for their 25th anniversary.

The obverse of the medals notes the club was formed in 1924 and has the name Consolidated Foreman's Club surrounding an airplane in flight. The reverse carries the notation of "The 25th Anniversary" and the date of 1967 when the medals were issued. The medals were minted in silver and brass. Of special interest from Convair comes a set of several medals issued in honor of the roll-out of the Counter-Insurgency Aircraft. They are referred to as the COIN medals, CO for Counter and IN for Insurgency. There were 107 of the type one silver medals, 16 of the type two medals issued, and some were struck in copper and some in aluminum, and were given to dignitaries who attended the impressive ceremonies, and to Pentagon officials when a film was shown to them proclaiming the usefulness of the aircraft. There were 4000 distributed at the Pentagon, plus many thousands more in the San Diego area. There was also a medal from the General Dynamics Company with the notation "A Bird In Hand" charger which was available to the employees and to token and medal collectors. It was distributed when the company held the roll-out ceremonies for their ship.

Another one of the industrial giants at the memorable meeting was Mr. Allen Lockheed, who manufactures world famous airplanes in Burbank, California, dating back to 1932. The Lockheed Employees Coin Club received permission to design and issue the silver proof and the bronze medals that represent that company. They were minted by the Franklin Mint in 1968, and sold by subscription through the coin club members. They were delivered encased in an eight sided lucite holder. The obverse denotes the name, location and dates of the Lockheed Company with one of their planes in flight. The reverse denotes that the medals were issued by the employees coin club that had been organized in 1958.

"From Air Age to Edge of Space" is the motto made famous by John Northrop, whose aircraft company bears his name. He was one of the giants at the aviation gather-

ing and there have been at least seven tokens and medals from Hawthorne, California, where the Northrop Company is located. Dating back to 1950 when the Northrop F-89 Scorpion Fighter planes were making headlines, the Armed Forces celebrated Armed Forces Day, May 20, 1950, and a light weight metal token was issued in honor of the special occasion. The obverse carries an abbreviated outline of the F-89 Scorpion with a likeness of a desert scorpion just under the airplane. The reverse carries the inscription "Armed Forces Day" in large block letters with the date and the words Northrop Air, Inc. A longtime participant in state wide, as well as local air shows, another light weight medal was issued in 1955 in recognition of the Airpower Panorama show held in the City of San Francisco, and were distributed free of charge. The Northrop F-89-D is featured on the obverse of the medal with the motto "Lower costs mean more Air Force per Dollar" with the show information on the reverse. In 1963, July 14th, the company sponsored Family Day and a token was issued for that event. Then in 1967 the Northrop Coin Club issued two medals to commemorate their 20th anniversary. The medals were designed by Northrop employee, Harry Borowka, and were minted by the Medal Arts Company. There were 100 antique silver, and 2000 bronze medals struck with the obverse featuring the likeness of an early American coin, and the name and dates of the clubs existence. The reverse features a variety of the aircraft manufactured by the company. The silver medals were distributed at the October 9th meeting of the coin club and the bronze medals were put on sale throughout the Northrop facilities the first week of October. Again in 1972 the club issued a pair of medals that carry the same design as their earlier medals with only the date changed and noting it's the silver anniversary of the club.

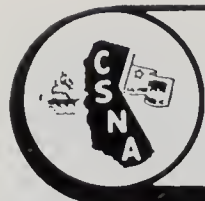
The Northrop Norair Company in Hawthorne sponsored a Family Day for their employees and their families on October 20, 1968 and a small gold toned medal was given to those attending the event. The Family Day information is on one side of the medal and around the edge of the reverse is the inscription "A Good Place to Work", with nothing in the center of the medal. Most of these medals were attached to key chains for souvenirs of the day.

"Vision, the Story of Boeing Aircraft" in Renton, Washington, a saga of the sky and

the new horizons of space, an informative book written by Harold Mansfield in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Boeing Aircraft in 1966 was complemented by the Boeing Employees Coin Club issuing a beautiful set of two commemorative medals. The medals struck in sterling and bronze were designed by coin club members, Harry Cox and Les Schow, with the minting being done by the Myers and Wenthe Metalsmiths of Chicago, Illinois. There were 1250 medals minted in .950 fine silver, and 2000 antique bronze medals minted. They are one and three-fourths inches in diameter, and one-eighth inch thick, and the silver medals are numbered. The obverse features Boeing's 737 Jet, their Lunar Orbiter and their Saturn, with the reverse featuring the coin club's attractive emblem, and showing their American Numismatic Association number. The closing date for obtaining these medals was August 1, 1966. Another interesting medal from Boeing was issued in honor of the first flight of the Boeing 747 when it was flown from Palme Field in Everett, Washington to Boeing Field in Seattle on February 9, 1969 with Jack Weddell as the pilot. This medal was struck by the Letcher Mint in Lancaster, California and they were sold for \$8.00 each, and is minted in pure silver, 39mm, or one and one-half inches in diameter, and each medal came with a silver quality certificate. A brief note on the medals is on the reverse of the issue. There is also a division of Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas that also sponsors an Employees Coin Club and they too have issued a large bronze medal featuring a B-52 in flight on the obverse, and coin club data on the reverse. Shown on the reverse side are three Boeing planes, the Kaydet, a B-29 and a B-47.

Last, but certainly not the least of the famous giants of the Aviation industry is Howard Hughes. In the series of "Famous Flights" medals his aircraft organization is represented by 99% pure silver medals minted and issued by the Letcher Mint in Lancaster, California. The medals feature the Hughes "Flying Boat", a most remarkable airplane. Piloted by Howard Hughes himself, the "Boat" lifted off the water on November 2, 1947, and can carry 750 passengers. The extreme secrecy of the company has kept more complete information from public use. These medals were sold for \$8.00 each, and come with a certificate of the silver content.

(To be concluded in the Fall Issue of Calcoin News.)



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



ALBERT K. HALL
CSNA LM 21-6

A mid-westerner from the Buckeye State of Ohio, Al has been interested in coins since he was a youngster. His first numismatic purchase was a 24" Chinese Cash sword — mainly out of curiosity — from the Goodwill that took his entire week's allowance of 25¢. He still has that sword.

Al grew up and went to high school in Toledo, Ohio. After graduation he spent some time working in maintenance for a food processing plant and a power tool manufacturer where he met his future wife, Virginia. At the U. S. Reduction Co., a secondary aluminum smelting firm, he moved quickly up the ladder — Maintenance — Production Manager — Purchasing Agent — while attending night classes at the University of Toledo.

A 2-year stint in the Army sent him to Taegu, Korea where he served 14 months as manager of an NCO club. When he returned to civilian life, a year was spent at The Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio on special assignment for USCO, and was later transferred to the main plant in East Chicago, Indiana.

During the next six years he was very active in the local Junior Achievement program and Trade Fairs. He also found time to attend the University of Purdue Extension in Whiting, Indiana.

It was here in Indiana that he became a serious student of numismatics after meeting

Robert Kolasa, of BOBCO, Inc. As a charter member of the Michigan City, Indiana Coin Club, Al went on to become Treasurer, President, and club show chairman for two years. During this time he developed an interest in odd and curious monies of the world, an interest which has continued to grow year by year. He joined the ANA in 1961 and changed to a life member later.

In 1965, California beckoned as the U. S. Reduction Co. opened western manufacturing facilities in Ontario. Numismatics had to be temporarily by-passed what with service time, transfers, and four years of night classes at San Bernardino Valley College. In 1969, with a new position as Metal Controller, time was again available, and with it, a renewed interest in collecting and exhibiting. After winning several Best of Show trophies, Al and his wife Virginia joined all the local clubs, plus the CSNA, NASC, CES, Azteca, LVNS, and Sociedad Numismatica De Mexico.

An associate hobby is collecting books on numismatics and related subjects such as biographies, designers, and geographical history. Al also collects anything on Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Exposition of 1892-1893, and shares an interest with "Ginny" in all Lincoln items. Our geographical location with Mexico makes it an easy access, and vacations South of the Border developed an intense interest in their coins and history.

Al is currently serving as Vice-President/Programs of San Bernardino County Coin Club (which is his home club) and has been show chairman for the past three years. He is also the current President of Redlands Coin Club. Since his forte is exhibiting, he has been exhibit and awards chairman of CSNA and also several local club shows. This past February, Al became the first to win back-to-back Best Of Show Awards at the 21st N.A.S.C. convention in Los Angeles.

The special San Bernardino County Coin Club's project of striking over-sized aluminum nickels for the CSNA's 59th Semi-Annual Convention (Disneyland) is co-chaired by Al and SBCCC's first president, Bryan Burke.

Interests other than numismatics include bowling, reading non-fiction books, and writing. Al has won literary awards from both CSNA and NASC. He also enjoys traveling, and with Virginia has visited the

British Isles, Europe, Spain, Portugal, North Africa, the Orient, Canada, Mexico, and every state except Alaska. (How did we ever miss that?)

Al is always ready and willing to assist a coin club as time permits. He enjoys giving detailed programs on several different subjects, and always brings out points of

interest not generally known about the subject matter.

Numismatics can be both educational and enjoyable, which Al has come to know since he made his first 25¢ purchase. I have shared the last 27 years with him and can truthfully say, they have been my happiest.

Virginia M. Hall, CSNA LM 26-2

California Numismatic Educational Seminar

Plans have been formulated for the 5th annual California Numismatic Educational Seminar for the study of counterfeit coin detection. The three day Seminar is scheduled for September 10, 11 and 12, 1976, and will again be held in the beautiful Kellogg West Center for Continuing Education located on the campus of the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California.

The four previous Seminars have been an outstanding success, with some students having attended all classes so far. The instructors are the country's outstanding specialists in the area of counterfeit coin detection — Virgil Hancock of Bellaire, Texas, President of the American Numismatic Association, and Col. Robert Kriz of Merritt Island, Florida. Mr. Hancock will have some student trainees to assist with instruction.

The maximum number of students that can be accommodated in the counterfeit coin class will be forty. The fee has been set at \$150.00 for in-residence students, single-occupancy; \$135.00 in-residence, double-occupancy. Both the above includes two nights lodging, all meals, and conference registration. For those wishing to commute the fee has been set at \$110.00 for the three days, and includes meals and conference registration.

A one day class of "Coin Grading" will

be presented by Dr. Sol Taylor, an authority in this area, and a member of the staff of Chapman College in Orange, California. He was the instructor of the Coin Grading class at the 1975 Summer Seminar of the American Numismatic Association, held at Colorado Springs, Colorado. This phase of the Seminar has been very popular in the previous four classes, and promises to be more so this year since Dr. Taylor reports he has added more and attractive teaching methods. The fee for this one-day class has been set at \$25.00, including lunch, and will be held on Sunday, September 12, 1976.

William O. Wisslead, Past-President of the California State Numismatic Association, is the General Chairman, with Charles G. Colver, Secretary of C.S.N.A. as Co-Chairman; Elizabeth L. Wisslead is the Registration Chairman, and Walter H. Dittich, Accountant, is the Treasurer.

Dr. Ted Weissbuch, a staff member of the California State Polytechnic University and a well-known numismatist, is the coordinator.

Participating organizations include the California State Numismatic Association, the Organization of International Numismatists, and the Council of International Numismatics. Among the sponsors of the Seminar are the Franklin Mint of Franklin Center, Pennsylvania, the Professional Numismatists Guild, the Lewis Reagan Foundation, and the Paramount International Coin Corporation of Englewood, Ohio.

Certificates will be presented to students who complete the courses, and in addition, one unit of university credit is offered for the three-day course.

A deposit of \$35.00 is required for the Counterfeit Coin Detection Seminar and a \$10.00 deposit for the Grading Course.

Further information in more detail may be obtained by writing to Elizabeth L. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92707, or by calling (714) 545-0030.



ANA President Virgil Hancock discusses counterfeiting with Dr. Ted N. Weissbuch and student at Cal-Poly Seminar.

Gold Pieces of Menelik II

By JOHN E. LENKER, CSNA LM 1-21

PART FOUR OF THE ETHIOPIAN SERIES

The collector who finds the copper, nickel and silver coins of the Ethiopian Empire interesting will encounter additional thrills when he (or she) takes the step to collecting the gold pieces. Looking over thousands of shiny gold pieces in sales and auction catalogues and in the stocks of dealers will reward the collector with an occasional find.

The Ethiopian gold pieces possess a combination of mystery and scarcity unlike that found in any other series. Seldom are two found alike and to say that they present a challenge is to put it mildly.

Although the dies of the Menelik II gold pieces were prepared in the Paris mint they were for the most part struck in the Addis Ababa mint.

The pieces of the gold series are divided into those struck from dies prepared for gold pieces (the wark series) and those struck from dies prepared for silver coins (gersh and bir series). Wark is Amharic for the word "gold" and Bir means "silver" with the additional meaning of dollar.

Cataloguers frequently list "ND" (no date) for these gold coins but, as can be seen plainly on the coin, all of both types are dated. The date is either on or under the shoulder on the obverse. All have the date 1889 (Ethiopian Era) or 1896, which is the year the dies for the second silver series were prepared in Paris. The date has no relationship with the year the coins were struck, which was early in the twentieth century.

Another common trait — all have the "long-tailed roaring lion" of the second silver series on the reverse. Their variance in weight is mainly due to the fact that varying thicknesses of planchets were used in their striking. The gold pieces struck from silver dies have the Lagrange obverse and the Chaplain reverse.

The collector will find that frequently these coins are labeled incorrectly. This is generally due to the fact that mint officials didn't stick to a standard size and weight and little has been written about the various denominations. There are few complete listings.

When the Italian invasion focused attention on Ethiopia and interest in collecting her coins was awakened, questions flooded into the American Numismatic Society. The late Howland Wood published a lengthy article on his studies of this challenging field. I recall talking to him about this subject at the time and he repeated what he had written. He figured that there was such a great difference in the weight of these gold pieces they "were probably used more in the nature of gift pieces than for regular currency".

He states that "gold pieces struck from the dies of silver pieces are known", and adds "of several pieces examined no two pieces weigh alike which would not happen if they were meant for circulation".

Concerning the wark series, he wrote "A series of gold coins of good workmanship appeared on the market several years ago of the same date and the same type as the Addis Ababa coins but with a laurel wreath added which terminated the bust just above the shoulders. They were probably struck in Ethiopia. They bear the denomination of one, one-half and one-quarter wark. It is said they were struck to commemorate the crowning of the Empress Zauditu, Menelik's daughter, who deposed Lij Yasu in 1916".

Again Mr. Wood commented as he did about those struck from silver dies — "These pieces could not have been intended for currency as there is absolutely no sequence in their weights".

He based his opinion mainly on the coins of the society's collection, in which one of the half warks weighed more than one of the one warks.

Since Mr. Wood's writings four decades ago we find that merchants and money changers do, in fact, use these gold pieces as currency in addition to their gift or award feature. They weigh their coins individually in making their transactions and thus establish its value.

Some of the cataloguers ignore the value legends on the coins and give them all "Wark" values apparently on the basis of weight. As Wood stated there are only the quarter, half and one wark denominations.

A gold piece struck from the one gersh dies or from the quarter wark dies, but with very thin planchet, will frequently be called "one-eighth wark". So far we have found no such denomination. We prefer to call it a gersh struck in gold.

A thick quarter wark will be called a "half wark" and a thick half wark will be called a "one wark" piece.

But in the instance of the thin wark piece it generally is called one-wark as it should be, but a thick one may be called "two-warks" or even "three-warks". The larger pieces struck from silver dies may be called two, four, eight or ten warks. But none was issued in any of these denominations in the Menelik series.



Fig. A — Obverse of pieces of Wark series.



Fig. B — Obverse of pieces of the Bir series.



Fig. 1 — Reverse of the Gersh.



Fig. 2 — Reverse of the quarter Wark.



Fig. 3 — Reverse of the half Wark.



Fig. 4 — Reverse of the 1 Wark.



Fig. 5 — Reverse of quarter Bir.



Fig. 6 — Reverse of half Bir.



Fig. 7 — Reverse of One Bir.

The collector will do well to list his Ethiopian gold pieces by (1) the denomination as it appears on exergue of reverse, (2) size in millimeters and (3) weight in grams.

Some of the many Menelik gold pieces examined, measured and weighed appear as follows:

1. Gersh struck in gold — often called "one-eighth wark". The denomination, size and weight are —
1 Gersh, 16 mm, and 1.47 g.
Fig. 1 for reverse and Fig B for obverse.

2. The quarter wark — generally called “one quarter wark” unless it is thick then it is labeled “half wark”.
Ya Wark Roob (quarter wark), 17 mm and (average) 2.18 grams. Sizes of 17.5 and 18 mm have been seen. Weights recorded are — 1.45, 1.55, 1.80 (2), 2.13, 2.55 (2) 2.66 and 2.7 (2) grams.
Fig. 2 for reverse and Fig. A for obverse.
3. Half wark — generally called “one half wark” unless it is thick then it is labeled “one wark”.
Ya Wark Alad (half wark), 19 mm, and (average) 3.5 grams.
Weights recorded are — 2.8, 3.4 (2), 3.45, 3.55, 3.6, 3.75, and 3.80 (2) grams.
Fig. 3 for reverse and Fig. A for obverse.
4. One wark — generally called “one wark” unless it is thick then it is labeled two or three warks.
1 Wark, 21 mm and (average) 4.99 grams.
Weights recorded are — 2.9, 2.91, 5.33, 5.5(2), 5.58 and 7.2 grams.
Fig. 4 for reverse and Fig. A for obverse.
5. Quarter Bir struck in gold — often called “two warks”.
Ya Bir Roob (quarter bir), 25 mm. and (average) 5.73 grams.
Weights recorded are — 5.20, 5.55, 5.70, 5.80 and 6.40 grams. There was also noted an unusual one with 27 mm flan weighing 14.03 grams, which because of its odd size was not included in the averages. Fig. 5 for reverse and Fig. B for obverse.
6. Half Bir struck in gold — generally called “four warks”.
Ya Bir Alad (half bir), 30 mm. and (average) 13.59 grams.
Weights recorded are — 12.3, 12.41, 12.59, 14.18 and 14.70 grams.
Fig. 6 for reverse and Fig. B for obverse.
7. One Bir struck in gold — generally called “eight or ten warks”.
And Bir (One bir or dollar), 41 mm. and (average) 42 grams.
Weights recorded are — 41 and 43 grams.
“And” is pronounced “ahnd”.
Fig. 7 for reverse and Fig. B for obverse.

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Ya Wark Alad

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Ya Bir Alad

Half Bir

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And Bir

One Bir

Figure C — denominations appearing on reverse of Menelik II gold pieces.

The Menelik II gold pieces from both gold and silver dies, recorded by size and weight above, are from the cabinets of the American Numismatic Society, The Smithsonian Institution, various auction catalogues and from several private collections. The list is by no means complete but may assist the collector of Ethiopian gold pieces.

Note in Figure C, the list of various denominations found in the exergue of the gold coins of Menelik II, that in the instances of the Gersh and Wark the figure "1" is used, but in the instance of the Bir (or dollar) the word "and" Amharic for one, is spelled out in full.

Figures have a line at top and bottom distinguishing them from Amharic letters. These lines are also seen in the individual figures of the date.

The two dots in the form of our colon (:) indicate a separation between words. When a double (::) is used it indicates the end of statement or sentence, like our period.

The legend on the obverse translates — "Second Menelik King of Kings of Ethiopia" and on the reverse "He is triumphant, the Lion of the 'Tribe of Judah'". Some translate the reverse legend as "Conquering lion of the tribe of Judah".

It is interesting to note that the coin's silver value is allowed to remain on the gold coins struck from the Menelik II silver dies, whereas in the instances of those of Zauditu, they were obliterated from the coins themselves after striking.

Apparently all of the pieces have milled edges except the largest or bir size. The milled edge is another point for those who favor these gold pieces as coins instead of medals.

Another story of the Ethiopian Series will be in the next issue of Calcoin News.

Freedoms Foundation Award



Freedoms Foundation
at
Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

*We are pleased to inform you
that your nomination of*

Dr. Robert F. Williams

*has been selected for an award
by the
National Awards Jury*

The Summer 1975 issue of Calcoin News carried a very interesting article entitled "IN GOD WE TRUST" authored by Dr. Robert F. Williams — CSNA 2254.

It is with great pleasure to announce that Dr. Williams has been selected for an award by the National Awards Jury of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The nomination was endorsed by CSNA past president, Mr. Herbert M. Bergen.

Junior Scholarship Program

The future belongs to the young. Today's numismatists must stimulate and encourage interest among the Juniors, with appropriate recognition and awards to compliment their efforts and accomplishments . . . for the young are tomorrow's numismatists.

To help accomplish this objective, I have founded the Ed McClung Junior Scholarship Fund. It represents my special contribution to the numismatic hobby in California.

Though I have established the Fund and made the initial contribution, it is something I wish to also share with my numismatic friends. It is something that should be bigger than what just one individual can make it. It needs your support, too, and I believe through your helping, that you will enjoy sharing the pleasure to be derived from encouraging and rewarding the numismatists of the future.

The Fund is to regularly provide financial assistance to several worthy Juniors selected each year to attend the annual CSNA Educational Symposium and banquet. In time, as the Fund grows, the number of honorees can be increased and possibly be expanded to include sending a Junior to the annual ANA Seminar held each summer in Colorado Springs.

As mentioned, it is also planned for the Fund to provide proper recognition of the Junior honorees selected. A suitable numismatic award is to be presented to each honoree during the annual Symposium, and his or her name is to be listed in a special brochure published each year. The brochure is to also include information about the fund and list the donors.

In time, it is possible that a special endowment fund can be established wherein the interest earned would be sufficient to perpetuate the Fund.

Selection of possible Junior honorees is to begin with recommendations from local CSNA clubs throughout California. Those nominated as candidates are to be screened by the Fund's governing committee, from which final selections are to be made on a regional basis. CSNA President Bryan Burke is assisting with drafting plans for how the Fund shall operate, as well as naming members to the committee who are particularly well-qualified and share my concern about the future of our numismatic hobby. In addition to Bryan, named to date are John Lenker, Barbara Hyde and Everett and Ruth Phillips.

Watch Calcoin News for additional information and reports.

On behalf of the future of numismatics, I thank you.

Ed McClung

P.O. Box 2507
North Hollywood, CA 91602

NOTE: If you wish to make a contribution to the Fund, make the check payable to the California State Numismatic Association, but send it to me so I can see to it that your name is listed in the List of Donors in the brochure.



1976 RECIPIENTS

The Governing Committee is pleased to announce and recognize these Juniors who are the first recipients of the Fund.

Front Row: Erika Lynn Farr, Convair Coinciders; Laura Patchin, Tustin Coin Club; Gorn Kirsch, North Bay Coin Club; Scott Maylen, Poway Coin Club; Jene Daab, San Bernardino County Coin Club.

Back Row: Greg Schenewerk, Imperial Beach Coin Club; Randy Bird, Tustin Coin Club; Michael Mugrage, Calico Coin Club; John Uhler, Whittier Coin Club; Anthony Triana, Fontana United Numismatists; and Ed McClung, Founder.



Convention Highlights

THE 58TH SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION



The American Bicentennial Celebration was the theme of the California State Numismatic Association's 58th Semi-Annual Convention held in Fresno, California, April 23-25, 1976, at the Fresno Hilton Hotel. The event was hosted by the Fresno Numismatic Society with FNS President Ruth M. Phillips serving as General Chairman. Attendance for the three day meet was estimated at over 1,200; 60 dealers made up the bourse where business was reported to have been brisk during the show. This was the first of two bicentennial year conventions to be held by the CSNA and had been endorsed by the Fresno Regional Bicentennial Coordinating Committee as an official bicentennial event in Fresno.

The official convention medal, designed by Ruth and Everett Phillips, depicted a montage of our new bicentennial coinage designs encircled with a ribbon on which "American Revolution Bicentennial - 1776-1976" is written in script. Fresno Supervisor Sharon Levy officially opened the convention by cutting a ribbon made up of the new \$2 bicentennial notes which had been released just ten days before the convention. Fresno Mayor Ted C. Wills, who was unable to officiate at the opening ceremonies, had earlier proclaimed the week of April 19th as COIN WEEK in Fresno.

A Friday Luncheon was the first official function of the show and saw 25 members attending with Corinne Dunklee, FNS Treasurer serving as hostess for the event. The room was decorated with bicentennial table decorations which were awarded to winners of the door prize drawing which followed the luncheon. A bus tour to Fresno's historical Kearney Mansion and the Roma Winery followed the luncheon.

The CSNA Educational Forum was held on Friday night with Dale Hewlett of Fresno serving as Moderator. Three speakers took part in the program, each with a bicentennial topic. CSNA President Bryan Burke spoke first on the "Libertas Americana Medal" and accompanied the talk with slides. Elizabeth L. Wisslead of Santa Ana was the second speaker and chose "Colonial and Continental Currency" as her topic. Don Larson, history instructor at Fresno City College was the last speaker and the Centennial Exposition of 1876 was his topic. Awards were presented to the speakers by the moderator at the close of the program. General Chairman Ruth Phillips presented Mr. Hewlett with a plaque for serving as moderator of the event and also gave each of the 56 persons attending the forum a special zinc struck version of the convention medal.

Franklin Mint representatives, Ralph and Ruth Mitchell, were on hand to greet their many Fresno friends and operate a hospitality room and show films of Franklin Mint operations during the convention.

The CSNA General Business Meeting was held Saturday morning and the California Exonumist Society held their meeting on Saturday afternoon. CES President Richard Lebold held a short business meeting before turning the program over to moderator Vincent Beretta. He introduced Dr. Sol Taylor of Orange who spoke on "Our Metric Coinage - The Next Centennial" and Douglas DeRome of Glendale who chose "Signatures on the Declaration of Independence" as his topic. Each speaker was awarded a plaque by the moderator at the end of the program.

Almost 100 attended the CSNA Awards Banquet which was first preceded by a no-host cocktail party in the Hilton's Press Room. After CSNA President Bryan Burke welcomed all present, John Lenker of Redlands, acting as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the many guests present. Dennis Olswang, Chairman of the CSNA Literary Awards Committee, awarded the much coveted CSNA Silver Literary Medal to Edward M. Uhlig of Riverside for his article "Four Centuries of Philippine Islands Coins" and the CSNA Bronze Literary Medal to John Lenker for his article "The Haile Selassie Presentation Gold Coin". Both articles had appeared in CSNA's CALCOIN NEWS in 1975. Mr. Uhlig was not able to be present so Virginia Hall accepted the medal for him.

Richard Lebold, President of the California Exonumist Society presented the Best in Exonumia trophy to Richard Hyde of Santa Ana for his exhibit entitled "Birth of an Art Medal", a unique exhibit showing the many complex steps in producing a medal from pencil sketch to finished medal.

Catharine Edgerton, Chairman of the Exhibit Awards Committee, also found it her duty to award Richard Hyde with the CSNA Best in Show trophy for the same exhibit making Mr. Hyde a big double winner. She and her committee, Stuart Edgerton and Vincent Beretta had their hands full judging as there were 52 exhibits to be scrutinized. There were 10 entries alone in the special Bicentennial Americana category planned for the show.

At the close of the evening's festivities,

CSNA President Bryan Burke presented Ruth Phillips with a set of One-of-a-kind convention medals for her work as general chairman and she in turn thanked the members of the Fresno Numismatic Society and her committee members for their help during the convention. Door prizes and bicentennial table decorations were awarded at the close of the banquet.

The traditional Sunday Breakfast was the last official convention function and saw 110 members and dealers attend for a final get-together. The next CSNA convention will be held in Anaheim at the Disneyland Hotel Convention Center on November 19-21, 1976. All members were urged to be present at CSNA's 59th Convention, the second bicentennial year show.



The Fresno Numismatic Society, founded January 15, 1946, celebrated its 30th Anniversary this year. Last year, the officers and directors of FNS planned a three point anniversary program for the year 1976: the invitation to host the California State Numismatic Association's 58th Semi-Annual Convention being one project, the issuance of a commemorative item being the second and a Fall Coin-A-Rama being the third.

CSNA accepted the bid to be hosted by the Fresno Numismatic Society for its Spring meet and the 58th Semi-Annual Convention was held at the Fresno Hilton Hotel on April 23-25, 1976.

To coincide with the CSNA convention, FNS also issued its commemorative item. The Fresno CSNA convention medal, which bears the montage of our nation's bicentennial coinage on the reverse, was counterstamped on the obverse over the outline of the State of California. The half-inch coun-

terstamp reads FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — 1946-1976 in a circle with a large 30 in the center.

The counterstamp was placed on 50 silver medals and sold only to FNS members by subscription. 50 presentation pieces were struck in golden bronze and 150 were struck on zinc medals which were then incorporated in an anniversary PNC designed to be sold to the public. There are a few of these commemorative counterstamped PNC's still available and can be ordered by sending \$3.50 plus 50¢ for postage and handling to the Fresno Numismatic Society, P. O. Box 41, Fresno, Calif. 93707.

Plans have already been finalized regarding the Fresno Numismatic Society's Fall Coin-A-Rama which will be held at the Sheraton Inn in Fresno on October 2 and 3, 1976. Information about the show can also be obtained by writing to FNS at the above address.



Convention Exhibits & Awards

GROUP A — UNITED STATES

- 1st. — Sherwin Friedman, Pacific Grove — U.S. Silver War Nickels
- 2nd. — Connie Sharp, Port Hueneme — Liberty Bell on U.S. Coins
- 3rd. — S. Everett Phillips, Fresno — U.S. Sesqui-Centennial Commemorative Coins

GROUP B — ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL

No entries

GROUP C — MODERN FOREIGN

- 1st. — Jim Sharp, Port Hueneme — Two Firsts for Panama
- 2nd. — Albert Hall, Colton — Hidalgo on the Gold of Mexico
- 3rd. — Eugene Colby, Fresno — English Maundy Money

GROUP D — SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY

- 1st. — Albert Hall, Colton — Siamese Silver Bullet Money of Rama IV
- 3rd. — John Reynolds, Fresno — Private Coinage of Fresno County

GROUP E — PAPER MONEY

- 1st. — Sally Marx, Canoga Park — Palestine Currency Board Notes
- 2nd. — Ralph Marx, Canoga Park — Musical Notes
- 3rd. — Gladys Moulton, Bonita — Military Payment Certificates.

GROUP F — WOODEN MONEY

No entries

GROUP G — ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

- 1st. — Ruth M. Phillips, Fresno — The Purple Heart

GROUP H — MEDALS

- 1st. — Mike Wickstrom, Fresno — Anniversaries of Independence in Medallie Art
- 2nd. — Dennis Olswang, Fresno — Victoria Jubilee Medal
- 3rd. — Connie Sharp, Port Hueneme — Norman Rockwell's Tribute to Robert Frost

GROUP I — MISCELLANEOUS

- 1st. — Geraldine Solomon, Los Gatos — New Year Tokens of Israel
- 2nd. — Dennis Olswang, Fresno — Numismatic Souvenir Cards
- 3rd. — John Reynolds, Fresno — A California Disaster

GROUP J — JUNIORS

- 1st. — Marc Friedman, Pacific Grove — What Makes U.S. us?
- 2nd. — Tommy Friedman, Pacific Grove — The Past 38, Who's the 39th?
- 3rd. — Lisa Friedman, Pacific Grove — My Bi-Centennial Coins.

GROUP K — PHILATELIC-NUMISMATIC COMBINATIONS

- 1st. — Jim Sharp, Port Hueneme — Papua New Guinea
- 2nd. — Pat Daniels, Fresno — San Francisco PNC's.
- 3rd. — Phillip Centman, San Diego — Coronation PNC's.

GROUP L — BICENTENNIAL AMERICANA

- 1st. — Virginia Hall, Colton — David Rittenhouse, First Director of the Mint.
- 2nd. — Clifford Liss, San Francisco — The International Exhibition of 1876.
- 3rd. — Barbara Hyde, Santa Ana — Bicentennial Medals of the 13 Original States.

BEST IN SHOW

Richard Hyde, Santa Ana — Birth of an Art Medal (Group H)
(Same exhibit won the Best in Exonumia Award also)

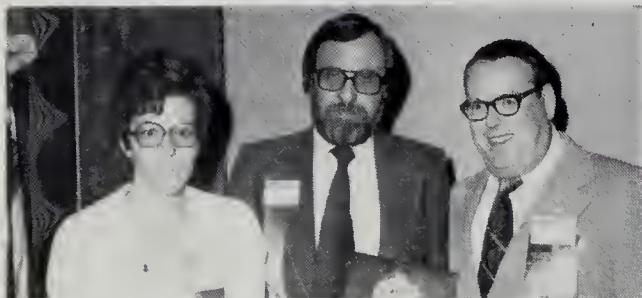


CONVENTION CAMERA

Photos by Howard Chase



BEST IN SHOW — Stuart Edgerton presents top award to Richard Hyde. (Dick also won the Best Exonomia Award)



U.S. winners — Connie Sharp, 2nd; Sherwin Friedman, 1st; and S. Everett Phillips, 3rd.



Philatelic-Numismatic Comb. — Jim Sharp, 1st; Pat Daniels, 2nd; and Phillip Centman, 3rd.



Hard working FNS members; Corinne and Howard Dunklee, Dennis Olswang, Ruth and Everett Phillips, Dale and Shirley Hewlett.



Enjoying convention hospitality are Frank and Elaine Strazzarino, Don Thrall, Barbara and Dick Hyde.



Junior Winners — Front row: Michelle Sharp, Part. Award; Lisa Friedman, 3rd; and Tommy Friedman, 2nd. Back row: Kevin Woosley, Part. Award; John Phillips, Part. Award; and Mark Friedman, 1st.



The Hospitality Hour brings friends together — Cliff and Irene Liss, Roberta Lenker, and Ruby Lee.



CSNA President, Bryan Burke presenting convention medals to General Chairman, Ruth Phillips.



Enjoyable Sunday morning breakfast.



Time out at the Bourse Table — Kenny Lee and Erich Werling.



Orders & Decorations — Ruth M. Phillips, 1st. (no 2nd or 3rd place)



Friendship Corner: Ruth and Hap Yeager with Rudy Gjurovich.



Jovial Jahn Lenker, Redlands, Ca. was the Saturday night banquet Master of Ceremonies.



Modern Foreign — Albert Hall, 2nd.; Jim Sharp, 1st.; and Eugene Colby, 3rd. (not shown)



Medals — Mike Wickstrom, 1st; Connie Sharp, 3rd; and Dennis Olswang, 2nd.



Misc. Winners — Jahn Reynolds, 3rd; Geraldine Soloman, 1st; and Dennis Olswang, 2nd.



Dealers enjoy CSNA Sunday breakfast — Nate Eisenberg, James Warmus, and Harvey Rose.



Faithful friends from Franklin Mint, Ruth and "Curley" Mitchell.



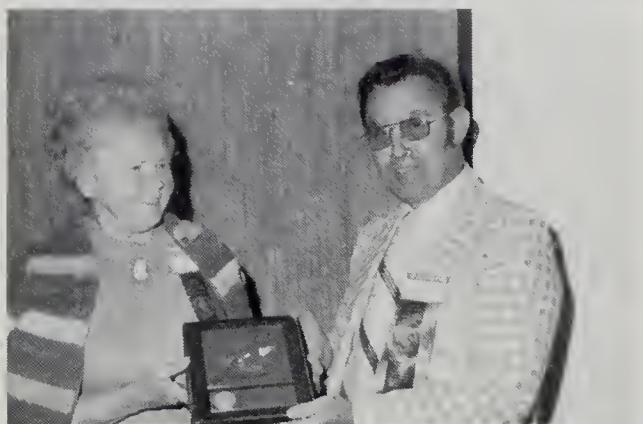
Bicentennial Americana — Virginia Hall, 1st; Clifford Liss, 2nd; and Barbara Hyde, 3rd.



Paper Money Smiles — Sally Marx, 1st; Ralph Marx, 2nd; and Gladys Moulton, 3rd.



Substitutes for Money — Albert Hall, 1st; Jahn Reynolds, 3rd (no 2nd place)



California Exonumist speakers receiving awards from Moderator, Vince Beretta are Doug DeRome for Signer's of the Declaration and Dr. Sol Taylor for a talk on Our Metric Coinage.



Dale Hewlett, FNS Board Member presents speakers awards to CSNA President, Bryan Burke of San Bernardino for "The Libertas Americana Medal" — CSNA Asst. Editor, Elizabeth Wisslead for "Colonial and Continental Currency" — and Don Larson, history instructor at Fresno City College for "1876 Centennial Exposition".



Loyal conventioners — Dorothy Beaulieu, CSNA librarian; Anna Merle Panosh, and Mary Colver.



Chairman Ruth Phillips presents Dale Hewlett a bicentennial award as Forum Moderator.



Sheldon Wirt of San Mateo — His Sign Tells The Story.

Eighth Annual C.S.N.A. Symposium

William O. Wisslead, C.S.N.A. L.M. 14-3

The 8th Annual Numismatic Educational Symposium was hailed by all to be the best yet. William O. Wisslead, Chairman and Moderator of the Symposium, declared the quality of the event even surpassed his expectations. The all-day session took place at the Holiday Inn in Fullerton, California on March 20, 1976. Seldom is there an occasion when so much numismatic talent has been assembled. Bryan Burke, President of C.S.N.A., introduced the celebrities and welcomed the guests.

This Symposium was dedicated to the memory of the late Maurice M. Gould, who was nationally known in the numismatic field, a syndicated columnist, writer and lecturer. He had been the moderator of the seven previous symposiums, and, in fact, had arranged for three of the four speakers of this event prior to his untimely death.

For this Symposium William O. Wisslead took over the duties as Moderator. The first of the morning speakers was George D. Hatic of Detroit, Michigan who has been in succession Legal Counsel, Governor, and Vice-President of the American Numismatic Association. His topic was, "WOMEN ON COINS, ANCIENT TO MODERN TIMES." The next forenoon speaker was Eric P. Newman of St. Louis, Missouri, a numismatic lecturer of renown, an author and researcher, and winner of A.N.A.'s highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Award. His topic was, "COLONIAL CURRENCY."

After adjourning for lunch the afternoon session was headed by Adna G. Wilde, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colorado, presently serving as a member of the A.N.A. Board of Governors. Adna's topic was, "THE LESHNER REFERENDUM SOUVENIR MEDALS." Last, but by no means least, was the fourth speaker, second of the afternoon, James R. Briggs, of San Bernardino, Calif. Randy is one of our younger active numismatists, and has come a long way. Past-President of the San Bernardino County Coin Club, and now the Curator of C.S.N.A., Randy spoke on the subject of, "SIEGE NOTES OF KHARTOUM."

The Symposium, even though it did not break any attendance records, was well attended by a group of interested numismatists who were completely attentive to the speakers. A bus load of 40 numismatists traveled up from San Diego in order to be present at the all-day event, with Dorothy Baber in charge again.



QUESTION & ANSWER TIME: The panel of speakers, l to r: Randy Briggs, Adna G. Wilde, Jr., Eric P. Newman, and George D. Hatic.

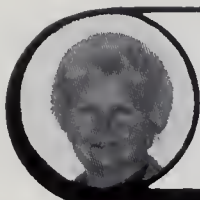
The host club was the Orange County Coin Club, with several members contributing their time and expertise toward making the day a successful and memorable one. The exhibits, those that had received Best of Show and First awards in Conventions, were handled by Barbara R. Hyde who arranged for an outstanding display of invitational exhibits that attracted much attention throughout the day. There were ten juniors in attendance, sponsored cost-free by the Ed McClung Junior Scholarship Fund.

The speakers were presented with high-relief California State Numismatic Association medals in silver, suitably engraved for the occasion. The displayers of exhibits were presented with C.S.N.A. bronze medals, suitably engraved for the occasion.

The Symposium committee consisted of William O. Wisslead, Chairman and Moderator; Charles G. Colver, C.S.N.A. Secretary; Ruth L. Phillips, Treasurer; Barbara R. Hyde, Exhibits Chairman; and Elizabeth L. Wisslead, Publicity Chairman.

Following a lengthy "question and answer" period at the conclusion of Randy Briggs' talk, ninety-seven persons adjourned to a happy-hour interlude where much conviviality was in evidence, followed by a sumptuous dinner in the dining room of the Holiday Inn.

The Officers and Directors of the C.S.N.A. extend their appreciation to the speakers, three of which came a long distance to make of this event one that will be long remembered.



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

South of the Tehachapis

By Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA 720

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!

CSNA Curator, James R. Briggs and Lauren celebrated their First Anniversary on March 29, 1976. You will see this active couple much in the spotlight at the CSNA Fall Convention, Disneyland Hotel. 'Randy' is General Chairman.

Thomas and Jeanne Wood, celebrated their 40th Anniversary on April 28, 1976. Tom is past president of N.A.S.C., Los Angeles Coin Club, Glendale Coin Club.

CLUB AND SOCIETY ANNIVERSARIES

Orange County Coin Club was founded on May 9, 1939. Happy 37th!! The club meets on the 4th Wednesday each month at Glendale Federal Savings, 320 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif.

The formation of the West Valley Coin Club took place 21 years ago in March with a meeting in Chatsworth. Paul & Mary Ellen Newell, Norman Johnson and Charles Eads are four of twenty-seven Charter Members still active. Happy 21st!!

NEW OFFICERS:

LOMPOC COIN CLUB has elected and installed the following officers for 1976: Harvey Betty, President; Michael Knox, v. pres.; Bob Wiener, v. pres.; Joyce Berry, secretary-treasurer; and Governors: Hank Zawinski, Richard Moody, Frank Anthony. If interested in attending a meeting, contact the Club at P.O. Box 59, Lompoc, Calif. 93436.

Sally Marx installed the new officers for the DOWNEY NUMISMATIST on April 7, 1976. They are: Henry Cutting, Pres.; Phyllis Duncan & John Kohlmeier, v. pres.; Norma Fuery, corres. sec'y; Jim Waldorf, rec. sec'y; Faye Feste, treasurer. Board members: Dorothy Anderson, Paul Carruthers, Todd Carruthers, Doc Bach, Calleta Gilreath, Mons Feste, Mary Mitchell, Tom Fitzgerald, Norma Reardon, Walt Snyder. Jim Southard was honored for having the best exhibits for the past year. He received a trophy and started the new year with another winning exhibit of Political Tokens.

BONES!!

"The anatomy of any association or club includes four kinds of bones: (1) Wish bones — Those who will go along with an idea but want someone else to do the work; (2) jaw bones — who talk a lot but do little else; (3) knuckle bones — who knock everything everyone else does; and (4) back bones — who get behind the wheel and do the work."

BE-LO-CE COIN CLUB, Coin Clatter "Your editor wants you to know that, although they are not active in the club at this time they're too busy with school and other activities, Debbie and Deanna Posten, along with Dad, John, still see that the bulletin gets mailed. John, of course, is still an active member. Thanks, Posten's."

Debbie and Deanna are truly in category #4 — Back Bones.

COIN FESTIVALS, EXPOSITIONS, COIN-O-RAMAS, SHOWS.

PAST AND FUTURE

S.I.N., International, Santa Monica, April 1-4, 1976, Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles.

Boyle Heights Junior Coin & Stamp Club participated in the 3rd Annual East District Collectors Exhibit on May 9, 1976.

Israel-Holyland Exposition '76 was held on Sunday, May 16, 1976, Workman's Circle Hall, 1619 So. Robertson, Los Angeles.

Southeastern Sierra Coin Club's 17th Annual Coin Festival, May 23, 1976, Masonic Hall, 156 E. Line St., Bishop, Calif.

San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council's 19th COINARAMA, May 29 & 30, 1976, Scottish Rite Memorial Temple in Mission Valley, Calif.

Covina Coin Club's 15th Annual COIN-O-RAMA, June 5 & 6, 1976, West Covina American Legion Hall, 330 No. Azusa Ave., West Covina, Calif.

Fontana United Numismatists' 2nd Annual Coin Show, July 18, 1976, Holiday Inn in San Bernardino.

California Exonumist Society's 15th Annual ALL DAY MEETING AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW, July 25, 1976, Holiday Inn of Fullerton, Riverside Freeway (91) at No. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif.

Santa Barbara Coin Club's 18th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show, July 31st & August 1st, 1976, Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, Calif.

West Valley Coin Club's 18th Annual COINORAMA, August 28 & 29th, 1976, Reseda Women's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave., Reseda, Calif.

Calico Coin Club's 7th Annual Coin Show, September 12, 1976, Masonic Lodge, 27917 West Main St., Barstow, Calif.

WE'VE MOVED AGAIN!!

Shamrock Coin Club now meets on the Second Sunday of each month, 1:30 P.M., Western Federal Savings, 1700 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

COMMUNICATIONS GAP!!

One club bulletin states, "Last Bulletin — Please pay your dues". There is no return address on the bulletin, no amount for the dues, and no address to which the dues should be sent. The closing line in the Presidential Comments: "We have the World's Friendliest Coin Club."

WHITTIER COIN CLUB co-sponsored a class in conjunction with Rio Hondo College. Dr. Robert O'Brien conducted a series of classes at the Whittier Public Library on various aspects of the hobby during March and April. Dr. Sol Taylor was the featured speaker for one session on coin grading. Whittier Coin Club, also, participated in the Walnut Tree Festival, Whittwood Bazaar, and Whittier Bicentennial Fair.

200th MEETING — our Nation's 200th BIRTHDAY

Pomona Valley Coin Club will be celebrating its 200th meeting in July 1976. A special wooden nickel will be issued in conjunction with this event. The club meets on the first Saturday of each month, Women's Club House, 172 W. Monterey, Pomona, Calif.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY INTER-CLUB NUMISMATIC COUNCIL was founded on July 19, 1959. "The Council came into being after the seven clubs in the county worked together and produced the first COINARAMA late in 1958. This event turned out so well that they decided that they wanted to work together and put on more shows." From the seven beginning list now incorporates sixteen clubs and the 19th COINARAMA is planned for May 29 & 30, 1976. All funds are held in a Council account and have been used to purchase Exhibit Cases, print Calendars each year giving meeting date information for the clubs, establish a Junior Scholarship Fund, help fund a bus trip to the CSNA Symposiums and Conventions, publish a Council Bulletin which is mailed to members of the participating clubs, hold an Annual Joint Meeting, hosted by one of the council clubs, promote the hobby of numismatics in the county, and through the efforts during the years since 1959 many lasting friendships have developed. A recent Forum speaker during the Annual Joint Meeting used the topic, "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR NUMISMATICS". Over the years other clubs in various parts of the nation have asked the Council how they operated and have started similar groups.

San Diego Numismatic Society has moved back to the first Monday of each month. Meetings are held at North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street, San Diego, 7:45 P.M. Recent programs were "Collecting Type Coins" by **Jim Hunt**; **Larry Hess** "was introduced as our Speaker, telling us about the Secret Service and giving a brief history

of the Service, as well as the various duties, which include protecting the President and other government officials"; "Hawaiian Coinage" by **Cheryl Maisch**.

International Numismatic Society of San Diego has discussed Greece, India, Ceylon & China. Members plan all month on an exhibit and discussion on the Theme of the Month. (Category #4, back bones). A jovial reminder from the secretary that Dues are Due "If you can't come to the meeting and pay, please send by mail or horse back to the Secretary — with address listed". I heard this brought out "long time no see members".

Convair Coinciders held an Installation Banquet, April 10, 1976, at the La Paloma. **Ralph "Curly" Mitchell** was M.C. and Installing Officer. The attendance was so large he felt for a while he would have to "hang the new officers from the ceiling". Installed were: **Bill Noga**, President; **Steve Ames**, V.Pres.; **Maxine Kinder**, Secretary; **Gordon Hamilton**, Treasurer. Guest Speaker, **Vince Bacon**, spoke on the "Big Red Cent". The Theme for May was Famous Women on Coins & Medals, **Catharine Edgerton** was the speaker.

Clairmont Coin Club heard **Thomas Garcia** discuss the "Mardi Gras". **Scott Maylen** has been appointed Librarian.

La Mesa Numismatic Society held a potluck installation dinner. The officers are: **Dorothy Baber**, President; **William O. West**, V.P.; **Paul Johann**, Secretary; **Howard Smith**, Treasurer. **Bill West** received the "Hayes Memorial Trophy" for exhibitor of 1975. Program Themes planned are: The Three Cent Piece, the Birthday/Bicentennial, Flowers on Coins, Tokens and Medals, Birds on Numismatic Items.

Chula Vista Coin Club has new officers. They are: **Ken Dehahn**, President; **Hugh Litwiler**, V.P.; **Ken Thomas**, Treasurer; **Jon Schulze**, Secretary. Members had a Bicentennial Coin Exhibit at First Federal Savings & Loan on February 20 & 21, 1976. Special participation awards were made for 1975 to Junior members, **Joe Henderson**, **Mark Holland** and **Jon Schulze**.

Pacific Beach Coin Club has enjoyed viewing CSNA slide programs of a "Female Bella Slave of Timbuktu" and "Coins of Canada".

Heartland Coin Club has been mailing auction lists of the P.O. Dritzler coin collection. Officers for 1976 are: **Wally Brown**, Pres.; **Paul Olson**, V.P.; **Betty Elliott**, Sec'y; **Carl Sandburg**, Treas.; **Bill Wright**, Corres. Sec'y.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Tustin Coin Club had an Exhibit in the State Mutual Savings & Loan, 615 E. First Street, Tustin for the week April 19 thru 24, 1976.

Orange County Coin Club participated in GOOD NEIGHBORS DAY, Orangefair Mall, Fullerton, Calif.

La Mirada Coin Club had a Display in the La Mirada Library.

CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS

C.O.I.N., the original international show, will convene at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, June 18-19-20, 1976. There will be dealers from 'state side' and around the world, an outstanding auction, exhibits like you see only at this show, educational forums, banquet, breakfast. General Chairman, William A. Sadler, P.O. Box 5335, Inglewood, Calif. 90310.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY

C.E.S. will meet, discuss, trade, buy and sell, medals, tokens, buttons, in fact, all Exonumia material, as well as show many exhibits, on July 25, 1976, Holiday Inn of Fullerton, Riverside Freeway (91) at No. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif. between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. General Chairman, William O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92707.

California Wooden Money Association, congratulates member Alva Christensen on her selection to the 1976 Bicentennial Assay Commission. Alva shared the full experience with the members during the March meeting. Duffy Waldorf, junior member, received the Karl M. Brainard Memorial Award for his article on the "Wooden 20 Cent Piece" from N.A.S.C. in February. Duffy, also, won the Junior Achievement Award. C.W.M.A. made a donation to the "Plant a Tree in Israel" in memory of Maurice M. Gould. Long time member, Xenia Kreizel reports wooden money collectors are not as active in Fremont, Nebraska as she found them to be in southern California.

"AMISTAD CON MEXICO A TRAVE'S DE NUMISMATICAS" is the Theme chosen by Raymond R. Reinoehl, new President of N.A.S.C. for the twenty-second year and Convention. Next Convention will be held February 22-26, 1977, Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. The Club Workshop date has been established as July 31, 1976, with Ed Borgolte as Chairman.

NUMISMATIC COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY will hold its 9th Coin Show on October 1 & 2, 1976, Quality Inn, 616 Convention Way, Anaheim, Calif. This Council is made up of twelve Orange County Coin Clubs.

Orange County Coin Club members enjoyed hearing CSNA President, Bryan Burke, discuss "The Libertas Americana Medal"; Dr. Ted N. Weissbuch presented "American Indian Barter" and had a fantastic exhibit. "A History of Colonial Currency" was viewed in color slides.

Hemet Numismatists' Gordon Hunt, long

time supporter of the restoration of the Old Mint in San Francisco is now active with the Hemet Numismatists. Recent programs were "English Coin Weights and Scales" by Norm Sturgess; "Washington and Lincoln" and the U.S. Coins bearing their likeness by Lee Martin; "The Libertas Americana Medal" by CSNA President, Bryan Burke; and "Georgia's Stone Mountain and its Commemorative Half-Dollar" by Elizabeth L. Wisslead.

SNOOPY REPORTS that things have been 'smacky' in Beagle Town at the Upland Coin Club. A Bicentennial Film "Washington — City out of the Wilderness" was viewed, compliments of Congressman Jim Floyd. Harold Katzman talked about "Rocks and Minerals — the Beginnings of Coins"; and William O. Wisslead presented "The Maria Theresa Thaler".

NUMIS-TOPICS (University Numismatic Club) reports an outstanding program on "George Washington" by Al Hall; Ralph A. "Curley" Mitchell showed a Franklin Mint Film; and Mel Ulrich discussed "AU and BU".

Redlands Coin Club met on April 13, 1976 and paid honor to "Thomas Jefferson & His Birthday". Jefferson coins were featured.

Fontana United Numismatists enjoyed Fred W. Coops and his discussion on our "American Bicentennial 1776-1976". "The Medallie Portrait of Robert Frost" was presented by Ralph A. Mitchell.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN — THOMAS JEFFERSON

San Bernardino County Coin Club continues to pay tribute to dedicated men who helped us attain our Independence. Albert K. Hall presented highlights on the oldest (age 70 years) and most eminent Signer of the Declaration of Independence, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. Ethel Lenhert presented "THOMAS JEFFERSON — THE MAN", author of the Declaration of Independence. Fred W. Coops talked about "THE MOST IMPORTANT COINS IN OUR FIRST 200 YEARS".

Results of the Aluminum Program will be revealed at the CSNA Fall Convention, Disneyland Hotel. So far they have 1630#.

Annual Installation Banquet, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club was held March 20, 1976 at the "Old Virginia" Restaurant, South Pasadena. Serving the club for 1976 are: President, Charles McGehee; V. P., Nick Magnano; Treas., Ed Wileox; Rec. Sec., Pat Wileox; Corres. Sec., Irene Farley. Governors: Lloyd Ermsar; Alice Rifkin; Joe Canzoneri; Nino Veechio; Ben Gurman; Ed Fladung; Henri Heller.

Caltech-JPL Numismatic Society inducted new officers for 1976. They are: Rex Wells, Pres.; Ken Anhalt, V.P.; Helen Benedict, Sec.; Phyllis Wagoner, Treas. The Foothill Coin Company of Tujunga showed a movie

entitled "RARE COIN" featuring Amos and Andy of Radio and TV Fame. The movie is about an 1877 Shield Nickel that is mistakenly dropped in a pay telephone and the humorous events resulting from the attempts to recover the coin.

Society of International Numismatics, San Gabriel Valley, heard Frank Strauss discuss "Geography of Coins".

Israel Numismatic Society, San Gabriel Valley, under the hammer of Sol Taylor and Gordon Greene auctioned mementos of the late Maurice M. Gould, with the proceeds going to the "Maurice M. Gould Living Memorial". The sale realized \$69 for the fund. The club celebrated Lu Friedman's 69th Birthday with cake and other goodies. New officers for 1976 are: Sarah Breslow, Pres.; Cliff Roth, V.P.; Nate Bromberg, Treas.; Donna Sims and Esther Bromberg, secretaries. Governors: Lester Dubin, Leonard Hammer, Lillian Friedman, Mel Wacks, Alva Christensen, Speedy Allfie. "One of the problems with the world today," declares Grandma Hillis, "is that by the time we get old enough not to care what anybody says about us, nobody says anything."

La Mirada Coin Club enjoys a "Numismatic Spelling Bee" planned by Roy Robbins. Tom Fitzgerald talked about the "United States Large Cents".

Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles held special meeting, acquired 16 new members, and hosted 18 new guests!! Combined efforts of special mailing, Steve and Carol Baron created posters and distributed them to over 40 locations, and teamwork of ICCLA members, made it all possible. "The club had a full house with standing room only, a most enjoyable meeting." Obviously, the formula was correct because it generated excellent results. The special celebration was the 10th Anniversary of the ICCLA.

Bay Cities Coin Club was founded in 1944. Past President, Ed Hallett and his lovely wife, Irene, recently celebrated their 29th Wedding Anniversary. That figures out 1947-1976. The club meets the third Thursday, Westdale Savings & Loan Bldg., Sawtelle & National Blvd., West Los Angeles. Thelma M. Case will gladly share the History with you.

East Los Angeles Coin Club was honored by a visit from Marge Risher, City Chairman of Montebello Bicentennial Commission, with a presentation of community activities.

TRADE WIND!! Monthly publication of Rockwell International Stamp & Coin Club reports the following officers for 1976: President, Robert M. Scott; Treasurer, Clara Campbell; Secretary, Emilia C. Horn. Board Members: Pete Blaser, Ron Rankin, Gene Fox. William O. Wisslead talked about

"The United States Mint at Dahlonega, Georgia".

SPEAKER'S SOAPBOX

Milton Fishgold, "The Story of the Dollar", Culver City Coin Club, Los Angeles Coin Club.

Dennis A. Conrad, "100 Years National Parks System", Los Angeles Coin Club.

Gary Gordon, "The \$7,300,000 Coin Collection", Glendale Coin Club.

Charles G. Colver, "Numismatic Nonsense", Shamrock Coin Club.

Larry Keil, "Sutters Mill", Norwalk Coin Club.

William O. Wisslead, "The Sound of the Liberty Bell", 49er Coin Club, Southern Hub Coin Club.

Jim Betton, "British Trade Tokens", 49er Coin Club, Covina Coin Club, Torrance Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club.

George Baude, "Coins & Currency of the Mexico Revolution", North Hollywood Coin Club, West Valley Coin Club.

Albert K. Hall, "The Mints of Mexico", Lawndale Coin Club.

Ozzie Stout, "Big Money — Small Money — China", Torrance Coin Club.

Dr. Robert O'Brien, "Civil War Tokens", Triangle Coin Club.

Raymond R. Reinoehl, "Flying Eagle Cents", Downey Numismatists.

Mel Kohl, "World Crowns", Triangle Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club.

Leona Kohl, "Coins of Africa", Triangle Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club.

George Gaudino, "P.N.C. Covers", Pomona Valley Coin Club.

Virginia Dennis, "Sambo Chips", Lawndale Coin Club.

Frank Martin, Life Member #4, Torrance Coin Club, "My Personal Experiences in Alaska, Texas and Mexico".

AZTECA IN MEXICO '76

The Azteca Numismatic Society held its first meeting outside the U.S.A. in Mexico City on March 25th. Miguel Munoz was the featured speaker.

Dr. Alberto Francisco Pradeau made a guest speaker appearance before the Azteca Numismatic Society at a special meeting in February using the subject, "Origin and Meaning of the words 'Plus Ultra' on Pillar Dollars".

California Foreign Coin Club enjoyed Jim Garner's Program, "Money Concepts of the American Indians"; Gerald Kleeb discussed, "Roman Coins Struck in Egypt"; and Bill Holberton talked about "Ottoman Coins".

IN MEMORIAM

Arnold Barthel, #C-273, Azteca Numismatic Society.

George Turner, Be-Lo-Ce Coin Club.

Howard S. Smith, CM #6, San Bernardino County Coin Club, Fontana United Numismatists, Redlands Coin Club, Riverside Coin Club. Howard Smith was born: March 7, 1898 and died February 29, 1976. "Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the sea; they live in one another still."

Otta L. Bergen (Mrs. Herbert M.) Member #H-7; April 6, 1976.

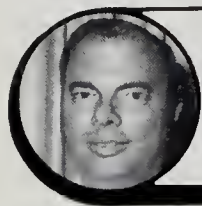
Irving B. Knickerbocker, Member #155, April 6, 1976, Orange County Coin Club.

"Nick" "It is with deep regret that we report the death of Irving Knickerbocker on Tuesday, April 6, 1976, having never re-

covered from extensive surgery he underwent on March 9, 1976. Irving was one of the early members of San Diego Numismatic Society, holding membership #50. He was awarded a Life membership in 1965, and had been very active in the formative years of this Society, as well as other local clubs. Even now, Nick rarely missed a meeting. Irving, with Mattie, held a perfect attendance record with California State Numismatic Association, having never missed a semi-annual convention.

Services were conducted on April 10th, and all members and friends offer sincere condolences to Mattie." San Diego Numismatic Society Bulletin.

Please send your club bulletins and news releases to **ELIZABETH L. WISSLEAD**, Assistant Editor, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92707.



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

North of the Tehachapis

By Jerry Kroeger, CSNA 18-4

Fresno Numismatic Society for the March meeting featured ANA Visual Education Slide Program. This program was a new addition to the ANA series and a first for the Fresno area. Mike Wickstrom spoke at the February meeting on the 1876 Centennial and brought along some fine examples.

Yosemite Coins have moved to 163 N. Fresno Street. Good Luck to the Howard Dunklees.

Programs for the recent months of Pacific Coast Numismatic Society have been on Coin Scales and Weights, Hobbies, Treasures & Keepsakes, and Gold Coins. Wm. De Vroom, member from Australia, wrote the article that won 2nd place in the P.C.-N.S. Papers contest for 1975 that was used in the Coin Scales and Weight program, and read by Larry Reppetau.

"Hobbies, Treasures and Keepsakes was a program for each exhibitor and the exhibits were the main show.

The Gold Coin program was a slide set of the ANA and a fine program indeed, worthy to show at any club. Ed Fulwider, club president, narrated this slide program. O. L. Wallis spoke on the medals pertaining to Admiral Dewey, the Hero of Manila Bay to finish off an enjoyable evening. PCNS Editor, Maxine Bryce, was fighting a bout with double pneumonia . . . and hopefully is fully recovered at this time. Don

Thrall put out the club bulletin for her during this time. Thanks a bunch, Don.

Napa Valley Coin Club has been very active with over 100 members and guests attending the monthly meetings. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, Napa, at 7 p.m.

John Bettencourt is keeping Calcoin News posted on the club activities thru the news letters. Future programs are ANA slide programs, Coins with special Significance and U.S. Copper Coin type. We hope to have a report on the next 12th Annual Coin Show.

Valley Numismatic Society held a contest for the design of their wooden nickel. It was won by Floyd Becker, the design shows the seven flags of California and will be distributed during the Annual Coin Show on June 13th.

(Editor's Note: Our Editor from North of the Tehachapis informs me he has not been receiving information from some of the area clubs. We like to hear from all the clubs. This is a good easy way to "keep in touch" and share news and activities to make our meetings more educational, interesting, and entertaining. Please take a moment each month to drop Jerry a line, or better yet, send him a copy of your monthly bulletin. We want to hear from you.)



Treasurer's Report

Ruth M. Phillips, CSNA 942

November 1, 1975 to April 16, 1976

BALANCE IN COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT, NOVEMBER 1, 1975\$ 297.51

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 4,626.00	
Book Sales	1,100.05	
Medal Sales	2,849.13	
PNC, Pinback & Mirror Sales	181.10	
Case Rental and Related Receipts	15.00	
Bourse Receipts and Deposits	10,100.00	
Registration and Meals	2,081.95	
Interest Received	283.28	
Scholarship Fund Donations	827.00	
Sales Tax Collected	72.18	
Symposium Receipts	526.50	
Miscellaneous Receipts	117.25	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$22,779.44
TOTAL		\$23,076.95

DISBURSEMENTS:

57th Convention Expenses	\$ 9,374.69	
58th Convention Expenses	2,877.57	
Calcoin News Printing, Postage, Envelopes	3,336.81	
Postage & Printing	1,488.44	
Club Membership Dues	39.00	
Case & Book Storage and Handling	328.00	
State Board of Equalization (Sales Tax)	312.92	
Symposium Expenses	1,940.61	
Money Talks, Club Mailing Expense	57.29	
Library Expenses	186.15	
Editor & (2) Assistant Editors' Expenses	140.00	
Curator's Expenses	40.00	
President's Expenses	245.26	
Legal Advisor's Expenses	25.52	
Miscellaneous Expenses	128.47	
Interest Transferred to Savings Account	281.36	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$20,802.09
Balance in Commercial Account, April 16, 1976		\$ 2,274.86
Balance on Deposit in Savings Account on C/D at Home		
Federal Savings and Loan Association		\$16,815.88
Balance in Commercial Account		\$ 2,274.86
TOTAL CASH ASSETS		\$19,090.74

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE 8th ANNUAL C.S.N.A. SYMPOSIUM, FULLERTON, MARCH 20, 1976

RECEIPTS:

Banquet Ticket Sales	\$ 526.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 526.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	38.41	
Printing	176.89	
Banquet Expense	556.38	
Projector Expense	13.78	
Medal Plating, Engraving, Name Tags, Signs	116.60	
Speakers Plane Fare, Hotel Rooms, Banquet Meal	858.31	
Photography	14.74	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 1,775.11
NET LOSS		\$ 1,248.61

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Scholarship Fund Deposits	\$ 827.00	
PNC, Pinback & Mirror Sales	181.10	
TOTAL		\$ 1,008.10
Symposium - Junior Expenses		\$ 165.50
BALANCE IN SCHOLARSHIP FUND		\$ 842.60



From the Desk of the Secretary

Charles G. Colver, CSNA 6-1

NEW MEMBERS

(February 11 to May 10, 1976)

- 3121 ISRAEL COIN CLUB OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, P.O. Box 2377,
Sepulveda, Calif. 91343
(sponsored by Jerry Yahalom)
- 3122 FETZ, Robert J.
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 3123 BAGG, Richard P.O. Box 600, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3124 KIRSCH, Gorm 222 Yale Ave., Kensington, Calif. 94708
(sponsored by North Bay Coin Club)
- 3125 KIRSCH, Joshua 222 Yale Ave., Kensington, Calif. 94708
(sponsored by North Bay Coin Club)
- 3126 STEVENS, Richard
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3127 HUHNS, Norman E. 1000 N. Payne St., New Ulm, Minn. 56073
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 3128 HANSEN, Dixie 4157 Mattos Dr., Fremont, Calif. 94536
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3129 ORANGE COUNTY NUMISMATIC ERROR CLUB, P.O. Box 245,
Westminster, Calif. 92683
(sponsored by Ed McClung)
- 3130 FLOTO, William C. 2013 Canosa Ave., Las Vegas, Nev. 89104
(sponsored by Virginia Hall)
- A 3131 FLOTO, Sally A. 2013 Canosa Ave., Las Vegas, Nev. 89104
(sponsored by Virginia Hall)
- 3132 FARR, Donald E. 5752 Robusto Rd., San Diego, Calif. 92124
(sponsored by Al Baber)
- 3133 FARR, Erika Lyn 5752 Robusto Rd., San Diego, Calif. 92124
(sponsored by Al Baber)
- 3134 DONALDSON, Milford W., 341 S. Mountain Crest Rd., Duarte, Ca. 91010
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3135 THOMPSON, William H. . . . 16229 Dubesor St., Valinda, Calif. 91744
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3136 SCOTT, Robert M. P.O. Box 2083, Hollywood, Calif. 90028
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 3137 ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL STAMP & COIN CLUB 5701 W.
Imperial Hwy., Los Angeles, Calif. 90009
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 3138 BOOTH, Carol M. 4545 Kingswell Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90027
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 3139 SEAPY, D. E. P.O. Box 294, Soquel, Calif. 95073
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 3140 HART, Kenneth M. 3965 Las Vegas Blvd., So. Las Vegas, Nev. 89119
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3141 ENGLEMAN, R. A.
(sponsored by Dennis Olswang)
- A 3142 RIME, Valerie 188 Palomar Ave., San Jacinto, Calif. 92383
(sponsored by John Rime)
- 3143 TEMPLE J. Walter 10155 Excelsior, Hanford, Calif. 93230
(sponsored by Fred Tinkham)
- 3144 HERZ, Howard W. P.O. Box 1000, Minden, Nev. 89423
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 3145 WERLING, Martha
(sponsored by Irene Liss)
- 3146 FRANK, Arvid W.
(sponsored by the secretary)

- 3147 AMES, William A.
(sponsored by Cliff Liss)
- 3148 HALLADAY, Henry J. 2918 E. Terrace Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93703
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 3149 ROBINSON, L. P. P.O. Box 2601, San Francisco, Calif. 94126
(sponsored by the secretary)

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ACCEPTED

- 30-1 HERZ, Howard W. P.O. Box 1000, Minden, Nev. 89423

RE-INSTATEMENTS

- 2234 HILL, James A. 3196 Hawthorn St., San Diego, Calif. 92104
- 2416 LAWRENCE, R. A. P.O. Box 651, Palo Alto, Calif. 94302

DECEASED

- 1-7 IRVING KNICKERBOCKER (Charter #15) San Diego, Calif.
- A1032 MRS. HERBERT M. BERGEN Fullerton, Calif.
- 1426 GENERAL DYNAMICS COIN CLUB Pomona, Calif.
- 1630 JAMES A. CREAGMILE Fresno, Calif.
- A2711 HARRIETT H. KRAUSE San Diego, Calif.
- 3064 ARLENE DAVIS Hollywood, Calif.

EXPELLED

- 1919 FRANK A. LAPA Beverly Hills, Calif.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

- 2449 DON LEE
- 2889 JAMES ODEN
- 2894 KEN BYRNE

RESIGNED

- 2254 REV. ROBERT F. WILLIAMS Brea, Calif.
- 2491 EUGENE E. RACE San Diego, Calif.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Feb. 10, 1976	1295
New Members, Feb. 11 to May 10, 1976	29
Re-Instatements	2
Deceased	6
Expelled	1
Address Unknown	3
Resigned	2
Net Membership, May 10, 1976	1314
1976 Dues Not Yet Paid	233
Total Life Memberships	113

Exonumia



California State Numismatic Association secretary, Charles Colver, has produced an item of interest to the exonumia collector. Mr. Colver successfully ran earlier this year for a second term on the City Council of Covina, Calif. He is currently serving as Mayor Pro-Tem.

A limited edition, the wooden nickel will be a selected item for collectors of both exonumia and wooden money. This souvenir also depicts the 75th anniversary of Covina, now designated A Bicentennial City.

Library For Numismatists

At Old Mint Museum

A new library of over 200 numismatic books, periodicals, auction catalogs and price lists, donated by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society to the Old Mint Museum in San Francisco, California is now available for public use by appointment only.

A reading room has been established at the Museum. Scholars, researchers, writers, and others are invited to make use of the extensive numismatic literature Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by calling (Area Code 415) 556-3630.

The new numismatic library, catalogued by subject matter, author and title, is considered an excellent reference source for coins, paper money, medals, tokens, etc. of the United States and other countries throughout the world dating from antiquity to modern day issues. Publication dates range from the early 1800's to current years.

The Old Mint's numismatic library supplements the numismatic shelf maintained by the U. S. Mint at the Treasury Department Library in Washington, D. C. Both are made possible through donations of numismatic books to the U. S. Mint and new contributions are always welcome.

The library is housed in a second floor room which is furnished with three large glass doored antique book cases obtained from the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. and a fourth large case obtained locally. Included in the furnishings is a

large table and several chairs. The room is so well liked by mint personnel that it is often used as a small conference room.

In addition to the strictly numismatic collection, the Mint Museum is expanding the library to include books on Western Americana and antiques which will aid them in setting up their various displays.

The museum has made up a beautiful book plate for the collection which depicts an 1854-S \$5.00 gold coin and includes the credit "Gift of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society" under the words "Old Mint Museum Library — U. S. Treasury Department — San Francisco."

The Old Mint Museum, Fifth and Mission Streets, San Francisco, California is open for public tours Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.



Librarian's Report

Dorothy E. Beaulieu, CSNA 970

We wish to thank those who have so generously donated to the library. We are especially grateful to Bob Johnson and Erich Werling for completing our file of Stack's Numismatic Review. Great reading and they will be available as soon as they return from the bindery.

Now we are working on the Canadian Numismatic Journal. We need all issues prior to 1960, the year 1964 and all after 1971. Can anyone help?

Please add the following books to your library catalog:

- H-62 Hamilton, Peter F. The Coins of Brazil, Portuguese Colonial Period 1683-1822. 1976. 77 pp., illus.
- K-38 Krause, Chester L. Standard Catalog of World Coins. 1976 ed.
- S-92 Spanbauer, Larry. Colonial Copies, Private Mint Replicas, Modern Counterfeits of United States Coins. 1975. 15 pp., illus.
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C.S.N.A. Literary Awards

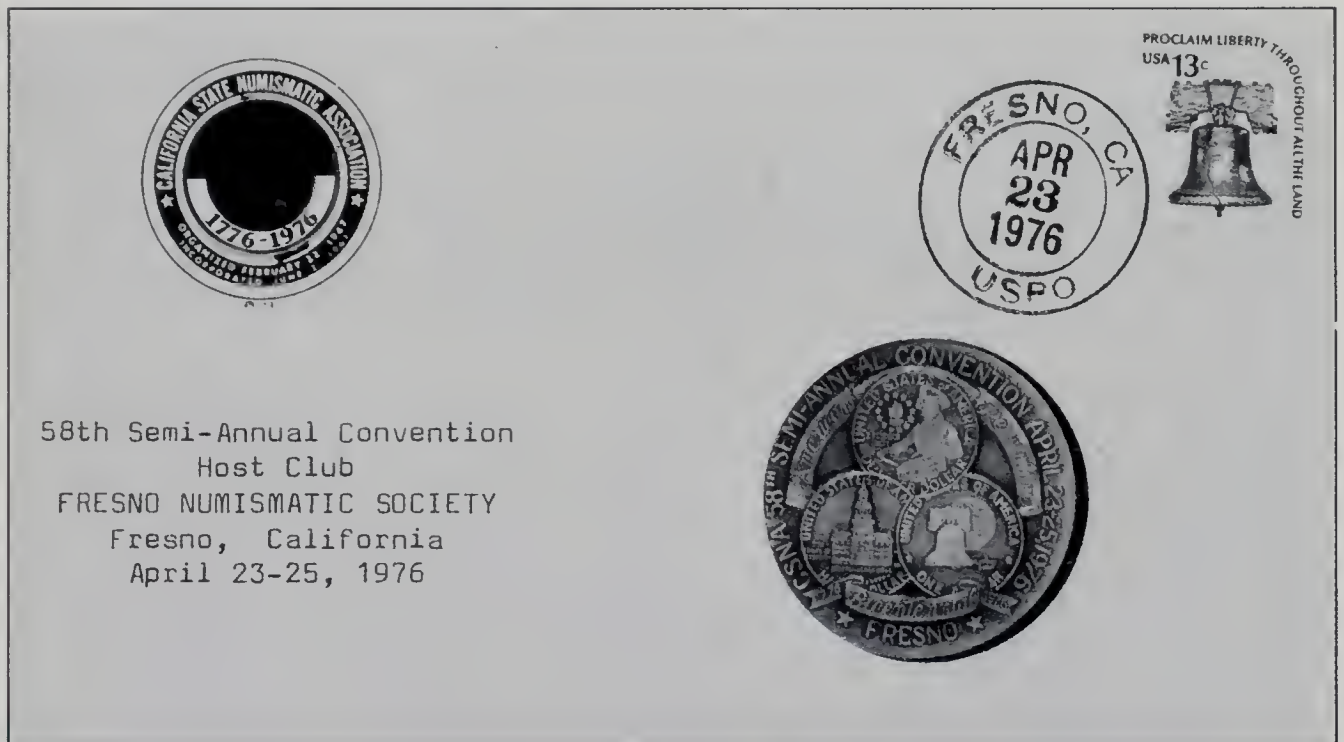


John Lenker, receiving bronze Literary Award from Dennis Olswang.

Literary awards for the best articles in Calcoin News during 1975 were presented at the banquet of the CSNA convention at the Fresno Hilton Hotel.

First place was awarded to Edward M. Uhlig for his "Four Centuries of Philippine Islands Coins". Second place was given to John Lenker for "The Haile Selassie Presentation Gold Coin".

C.S.N.A. PNC Cover



The 58th Semi-Annual Convention held recently in Fresno adds another beautiful PNC cover to our collection.

The 14th in the continuing series, which was created and produced by Ed McClung, contains an oxidized zinc medal. This convention medal shows the three bicentennial coins in keeping with the 200th birthday of our country. In the upper left hand corner within a CSNA circle is a metal button showing the Liberty Bell surrounded by "Bicentennial 1776-1976" shown in patriotic red, white, and blue with gold trim.

The PNC's are serially numbered and only 100 were produced. Each cover was post-marked April 23, 1976, the opening day of the Convention. These CSNA souvenirs are available from the secretary at \$3.50 each. Address your inquiry to Charles Colver, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, CA 91724.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- November 19-21, 1976 59th Semi-Annual Convention
 San Bernardino County Coin Club, Disneyland Convention Hall
 Randy Briggs, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1161, San Bernardino 92402
 Albert K. Hall, Exhibits, P. O. Box 499, Colton 92324
 Nona Moore, Bourse, P. O. Box 245, Fontana 92335
- April 22-24, 1977 60th Semi-Annual Convention
 Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
 Frank Strazzarino, General Chairman, 637 Brussels Street, San Francisco 94134
- October 21-23, 1977 61st Semi-Annual Convention
 Covina Coin Club, Disneyland Convention Hall
 Ethel Lenhert, General Chairman, P. O. Box 63, Upland 91786
- April, 1978 62nd Semi-Annual Convention
 Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
- October 27-29, 1978 63rd Semi-Annual Convention
 Joint Sponsors: Bay Cities Coin Club, Santa Monica and
 Culver City Coin Club, Culver City
 Phil Iverson, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1252, Santa Monica 90401
- Spring, 1979 64th Semi-Annual Convention
 Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
- Fall, 1979 65th Semi-Annual Convention
 Orange County Coin Club, Disneyland Convention Hall

Jim Betton, Bourse Coordinator, P.O. Box 533, Santa Monica, California 90406
 To be contacted for bourse application to any CSNA convention.

OTHERS

- July 18, 1976 2nd Annual Coin Show
 Fontana United Numismatists, Holiday Inn, Interstate #10 & #15, San Bernardino. Bill Grant, General Chairman
 Albert K. Hall, Exhibit Chairman, P. O. Box 1028, Colton 92324
- July 25, 1976 15th Annual Show
 California Exonumist Society, Holiday Inn, Fullerton, Harbor Blvd. & Freeway #91
 Co-Chairmen: William O. Wisslead and Elizabeth L. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress, Santa Ana 92707
- July 31, August 1, 1976 18th Annual Coin Show
 Santa Barbara Coin Club, Earl Warren Showgrounds
 Bourse: Robert Barnes, 18 W. Figueroa, Santa Barbara 93101
- August 15, 1976 4th Annual Coin Show
 Fremont Coin Club, Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont 94536
 Ron Miller, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1401, Fremont 94538
- August 28-29, 1976 21st Annual Coin-O-Rama
 West Valley Coin Club, Reseda Women's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave., Reseda
 General Chairman — Mrs. Betty Brander, 412 No. Meyers St., Burbank 91506
 Bourse Chairman — Harold Donald, P. O. Box 221, Tarzana 91356
- September 12, 1976 7th Annual Coin Show
 Calico Coin Club, Masonic Lodge, 27917 West Main St., Barstow
 P. O. Box 966, Barstow 92311
- September 16-19, 1976 15th Annual Convention
 Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness & Geary, San Francisco, No. Calif. Numismatic Assn.
 Bourse Chairman — Denis Hooker, 65 Post St., San Jose
- October 2-3, 1976 Fresno Numismatic Society COIN-A-RAMA
 Sheraton Inn, 2550 W. Clinton & Hwy. 99, Fresno
 Information: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno 93727
 Bourse: Howard Dunklee, Yosemite Coins, 163 N. Fresno, Fresno 93701
- October 16-17, 1976 9th Annual Coin Show
 Numismatic Council of Orange County, 616 Convention Way at Harbor Blvd., Anaheim (adj. to Convention Center) P. O. Box 6292, Santa Ana 92706
- October 23-24, 1976 17th Annual Coin Show
 West Coast Coin Show, Cabana Hyatt House, El Camino Real, Palo Alto
 Bourse: Eugene Dyer, P. O. Box 1814, Los Gatos 95030
 Exhibits: Ed Sins, P. O. Box 5075, San Jose 95150
- November 11-14, 1976 A.I.N.A.
 Greater Los Angeles Coin Convention sponsored by Am. Israel Numismatic Assn.
 Los Angeles Hilton Hotel
 General Chairman — Benjamin M. Abelson, 2707 Butler Ave., Los Angeles 90064